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1. Entrance Procedure: The ship took on a pilot in the vicinity of 54°32'30"N., 18°36'00"E., and proceeded to a berth on the north side of Basin #5. There was a short wait before the boarding party arrived.
2. Security Procedure: A five-hour search was conducted upon arrival, and a three-hour search was made before departure. There were twenty men in the search squad, all of whom had side arms. No special means of search, such as dogs, were used. During the search, crew members were allowed to wait in their rooms. No inoculations were given. No equipment was sealed. Several crew members went ashore. They were allowed to go unescorted, after checking out with the guards at the gangway. The boarding party was extremely polite and tried to inconvenience crew members as little as possible. It appears that security restrictions have been relaxed a great deal recently.
3. Harbor Facilities: The pier forming the north edge of Basin #5 appears to have been damaged near the end by "bombs or something". There are three or four rail-road tracks and five to seven movable cranes on rails along the south side of this pier. Port equipment was in good repair and was used efficiently. Longshoremen were efficient. No new construction was observed.
4. Merchant Vessels in the Area: Only three large ships were observed in the harbor; however, we could not see basins 1, 2, and 3. A Polish and a Danish cargo ship were docked at American Quay. A Polish ship was in Basin #7. Many fishing vessels were observed in the area.
5. Military Activity: Several airborne jet fighters were observed. A small patrol craft or minesweeper was sighted several miles north of Gdynia.

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6. Attitude of the People: When no foremen or officials were around, the longshoremen would talk quite freely to crew members about political matters. They were "plenty sore" at the government, and frequently expressed the opinion that conditions were much better before Communism. They talked frequently of the recent defection of a Polish fighter pilot to Denmark and viewed his action favorably. No mention was made of the US.
7. Status of Polish Seamen: We heard from longshoremen that Polish seamen are among the best paid Polish workers. Longshoremen said that in addition to their regular pay, seamen receive a dollar a day in US money and are allowed to bring home any purchases made overseas. Longshoremen added that, in spite of this, about ten Polish seamen jumped ship on a trip to the Far East. It was said that about twenty Soviet seamen jumped ship under similar circumstances, and that, for this reason, Soviet seamen no longer make the Far East cruises.

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